Transportation Overview: A Resource for Educators

Many students with disabilities look forward to a job or college after they graduate or age out of school. Some find a great placement, only to realize they have no way of getting to their classes or their worksite. Helping students and families understand their transportation options and learn how to use transportation services can facilitate the transition to adult life and help students take advantage of exciting opportunities.

How can I get travel training for my students?

There are a variety of ways to provide your students with comprehensive travel training:

- Offer training to your students
  - Contact us at hstmobility@state.ma.us to find out about free professional development opportunities available to help you learn how to provide travel instruction
- Refer your students to a local travel training program
  - Find a program at www.mass.gov/service-details/learn-to-ride-transit-with-travel-instruction
  - Connect with your local transit authority to see what they offer and how you can work with them: www.mass.gov/info-details/public-transportation-in-massachusetts

What do I do if there is no public transit in my town?

- Other services may be available:
  - Many municipal Councils on Aging offer transportation services, and some serve people with disabilities as well as seniors
  - Carpools, town-operated services, taxis, and livery services can also help
  - To find transportation services in your area, visit www.massridematch.org
- Get involved in advocating and planning for new services
  - Learn how at www.mass.gov/info-details/get-involved-in-transportation-planning-processes

Learn More

For more information on transportation services and best practices in increasing mobility and access, please contact Rachel Fichtenbaum at rachel.fichtenbaum@state.ma.us or visit www.mass.gov/orgs/massmobility. MassMobility is an initiative of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services that also receives support from MassDOT.

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